



**Innovations Governing Board
Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2021 | Location: ZOOM

Call to Order: 4:00

Present:

Jennifer Hiro, Frank Carpenter, Heather Korotie, Mark Disher, Kim Leuenberger, Cole Arrington, Ali Rabin, Corrine DeSoto, Georgia Goeas, Zarine Dorabji, Wayne Yamauchi

Absent: Harold Rodriguez, Julie Herendeen

Guests: Lee Nelson, Anne Van Brunt

Secretary: Kim Leuenberger

Public Comment: No public comments

Minutes

Minutes Approved: April 6, 2021

Motion to approve: Cole

Seconded: Zarine

Financial Report:

SY 2021-2022 Budget Approval

Motion: Mark

Second: Frank

Outcome: Approved

Financial reviews committee reviewed budgets, cash flow reports, assets and liabilities report as well as conducted a review of all expenditures and accounts, credit card charges, checks and accounting practices.

Financial Updates

- Innovations Grant
- Change Grant
- B-Wet Grant: seeking to create and fund a Hawaiian culture position and curriculum component for students. Preserve traditional paakai-gathering practices at Kalaemano by researching and limiting the presence of microplastics in the salt harvested on the shoreline through a blend of science and culture collaborative student program using integrative educational approaches, hands-on scientific research, traditional salt-gathering practices, traditional approaches in resource management and learning the history of the Kaupulehu ahupuaa (land division).

- USDA grant for Garden Program

Director's Report:

Commission Updates

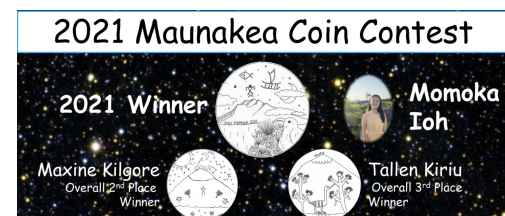
- Auditors Bill passed = removed the limit of 3 auditors on the eligible auditor list for charter schools to choose from. Awaiting a completed list before we secure an auditor for next school year.

Hawaii Charter School Network Updates

- Jenn Hiro will serve on the board of directors for the Hawaii Charter School Network
- Network's mission to promote the welfare of Hawaii's Public Charter Schools. The purpose of the Network is to enable, support, and unify charter schools and the charter school system in the state of Hawai'i.

Curriculum

- Citizen Scientists: students in middle school science and 1st and 2nd grades participated in a science project collecting samples of bugs from neighborhoods and school grounds in an effort to identify the ambrosia beetle, an invasive species found to contribute to the fungus that causes Rapid Ohia Death in our native ohia forests. Students created bug traps using recycled materials to collect specimens from around the island (and state) that scientists will use to identify where the ambrosia beetle is located in an effort to stop and prevent Rapid Ohia Death.
- 3rd and 4th graders have researched and replicated 5 different planting approaches to kalo as part of their unit of study on Hawaii and Hawaiian geography, nutrition, traditions and ahupua'a studies.
- 5th and 6th graders in Ms. Johnson's class have focused their studies in their geography unit of study on "clean water" efforts across the globe. Investigating the organization - , students have raised \$ towards efforts to provide clean water to communities in
- Middle school math classes have focused on hands-on applications of math concepts through authentic projects such as designing a house that includes budget and design of interiors and aesthetic design.
- Curriculum Sharing events for the end of the school year, traditionally a whole school event with expectations for community members and families to serve as an audience for all grades levels, will go virtual this year due to "gathering restrictions". A website page will be created with virtual sharing components of each class' sharing of curriculum will be launched on Thursday, May 20th.
- Mauna Kea Coin winners: middle schoolers Momoka Ioh and Maxine Kilgore submitted entries in the contest to design the collectors coin that will be distributed at the visitors center and other outreach events throughout the year. Momoka's design was the GRAND WINNER whose coin will be created!



- 8th Grade Graduation: will be held in-person, for 8th graders and their families only on Thursday May 27th. Family units will remain together in a designated 10X10 viewing area and COVID safety protocols will be enforced including mask wearing, socialization between family units prohibited, distancing and minimizing exposure.
- End-Of-Year Celebrations will be held and designed with safety protocols: ocean adventure for 8th graders, bowling alley event for 7th graders and modified field day for elementary students.
- Teacher Appreciation: we celebrated our teachers and staff with gifts and acts of appreciation all week: chalk the walk messages of thanks and appreciation for each teacher's learning space, flower/lei adorned each member of the team, handmade gifts to accompany traditional coffee and morning especially breakfast drinks and a catered staff luncheon for all to enjoy.
- Statewide Assessments: students have completed statewide testing requirements in math, science and English Language Arts for the school year. Scores will be available and verified by September 2021. Due to school closures and COVID restrictions, scores will not count towards charter re-evaluation, state STRIVE HI measurements or federal measurements.

Staffing and Positions

- Middle school math teacher for SY 2021-2022 has been selected and approved
- After Care Programs coordinator: Elementary After Care & REACH: in charge of health and wellness effort for both programs - using the garden as a primary source of food and nutrition as well as leading groups in harvest, preparation and developing menus that meet nutritional guidelines, needs and aina-based sustainability
 - Proposal is to continue the after care enrichment program for middle school students next school year, offering 4 days a week with enrichment classes in the arts, garden, technology and physical activity. Funding is probable.
- Consideration to fund and design another ½-time instructor to support a 4th period in middle school schedule.
- There will be internal movement among staff to fill tutor position vacated in ¾ grade and tentative vacancy in 1st/2nd grade. In-house rearrangements will be made to fill these vacancies.

Lease Approval

Attorney General approved lease template was used to rewrite Innovations school lease to comply with new guidelines requiring "AG Approved" leases of all charter schools - state agencies. The lease has been reviewed by Governing Board Chair, CPA and real estate expertise on Innovations Foundation Board and discussed with Deputy Attorney General Gregg Ushiroda.

- Limit of 5 year lease with a 5 year extension
- Addition of state agency sections - some don't apply to us ie designated parking stalls and common areas
- No change in rent
- Format and components in table of contents consistent with other state agency leases

Motion to Approve: Heather
Vote Result: approved by all

Second: Frank

Position Updates

SY 2021-2022 Middle School math teacher appointment confirmed and approved by Governing Board.

Proposal for additional instructor to support 4th class period in middle school to support smaller class sizes for SY 2021-2022

Executive Session

Next Board Meeting Scheduled: Annual Retreat August 6th

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm